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SIR:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2006, the term for response to which expires on August 1, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are canceled, and claims 16-35 are added.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.